

TOWN OF OSCEOLA

PUBLIC HEARING

**REGARDING NONMETALLIC MINERAL EXTRACTION
PERMIT AND REGULATION ORDINANCE**

Monday, March 9, 2009

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Osceola met for a Public Hearing Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS TO LISTEN TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM TOWN OF OSCEOLA RESIDENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A NON-METALLIC MINERAL EXTRACTION PERMIT & REGULATION ORDINANCE.

CHAIRMAN STEVE STROSHANE CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

Stroshane verified that the Public Hearing notice had been published in the Wednesday, February 25, 2009 publication of the SUN newspaper.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Steve Stroshane, Mike Wallis and Bob Wright

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Rugroden – Clerk/Treasurer, Chuck & Kay Burch, Dan & Suzy Burch, Dodd & Nancy Knutson, Jerry Viebrock, Cindy Stimmler, Bev Kobs, Jim & Debbie Martinson, E. R. Lindholm, Milo & Ramona Hendricks, Jeffrey & Janis Masek, Juergen Weissmann, Laura Henrichsen, Jason Haas, Amy Middleton, Aaron Degerstrom and John Adam.

The Non-Metallic Mineral Extraction Permit & Regulation Ordinance was sent to Dresser Trap Rock, Haas & Sons and Riteway as well as Kraemer Mining and Glyn Thorman to obtain comment. There has been no comment from the above mentioned parties prior to the hearing.

Jason Haas from Haas & Sons whose family owns the gravel pit off of 90th Ave in the Town of Osceola was wondering about the hours of operation. He said that they have come in to crush three times in the last five years. When they come in, they crush 24 hours a day for 1 or 2 weeks and then they are done. If hours are limited to 12 hours a day it will take 3 to 4 weeks to crush. Jason Haas estimates that there is about 10 more years of reserves left in the gravel pit because they are not taking it out fast. Haas & Sons own about 35 pits in the Eau Claire – Thorp area.

Supervisor Wright said that we are willing to work with the operators and will need to keep everyone happy. He said everyone knows that the crushing is for a brief amount of time.

Chuck Burch and Jeff Masek, neighbors to Haas & Sons agree that there has never been a problem, "if they say their going to do something, they will do it" and if there is a question, they take care of it. Written comments about the ordinance from Gene Lindholm and Dodd Knutsen have been forwarded on to the Board for consideration.

Chairman Stroshane said that the ordinance chapter will be changed to 14 due to finding an old chapter 13 ordinance in the Town's archives.

**ADJOURNMENT:
MOVED, SECONDED BY WALLIS/WRIGHT TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

2B APPROVED: 04/14/2009

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer